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Welcome to our New and Returning International Students & Scholars!

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- **New students - If you haven't already checked in with the Slutzker Center, please remember to do so immediately.**
- **If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website. <http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html>**
- **The GLACIER Tax Prep password will be available in February. *(Please note CINTAX no longer exists, it has been replaced with GLACIER Tax Prep).***
- **Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call 315-443-5691 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call (315) 443-9005 if you're interested to get a flu shot ! - SU Health Services**

Welcome New International Students and Scholars!

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Dear Students and Scholars,

As you open this second newsletter of the Spring Semester 2012, I would like to urge you to review it carefully and read those articles which might be relevant to you. We choose articles based upon the needs and questions students have presented to us daily, weekly, and annually. We answer the questions you ask before you ask them! Also included are warnings about safety issues, scams, parking and traffic concerns, and other aspects of your life as a student in Syracuse. If you at least spend 3 minutes reviewing the titles of all the articles each week, you will find that you will be well informed and know what is happening on campus and in the community! We appreciate your attention to this important part of the communication and education process in which you are engaged as a student in our community. We wish you a very successful semester!

**Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia Burak**

New students - If you haven't already checked in with the Slutzker Center, please remember to do so immediately.

Regular Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SCIS Advisors will be available daily for brief walk-in questions from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. only. Students and scholars are welcome to come in during these hours should they wish to see an advisor without an appointment.

Scholars and students, who cannot come in during student advising hours, please call 315-443-2457 to request an appointment. If you have a general inquiry, please e-mail us at lescis@syr.edu.



Guide for International Students - Student production



Syracuse University Awaits Your Arrival!

English Conversation Program (ECG)

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To all newly arrived scholars and students;

If you (or your spouse/partner) feel a need to improve your informal English conversation skills, we would like to invite you to join the weekly one hour meetings of our English conversation program. There is no charge for joining this program.

The meetings are conducted at the Slutzker Center, during office hours.

The conversation groups usually consist of 4 or 5 international students and one English speaking group leader (this could be an S.U. student or someone from the Syracuse community).

By joining this program you will have an opportunity to practice and improve your English language skills and also to learn more about life in the USA while meeting new people and making new friends.

The weekly meetings should start by the end of this month and will continue during the entire semester.

However applications will be accepted at any time.

In order to apply for this program we would like you to fill out the attached "Request Form" in this email.

Riet DeKleermaeker mdekleeer@syrr.edu, coordinator English Conversation Program, will contact you by email to inform you about the day and time of your meetings.

<http://international.syr.edu/programs-and-activities/english-conversation-groups.html>

Technology Concierge Student Job Application

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A Social Media Training and Assistance Program

Students who are interested in working with international students in a creative social media training program are encouraged to review the attached job application in this email. If you are interested and qualified, please submit your application by **Wednesday, January 25** to lescis@syrr.edu. Qualified applicants will be contacted via email and expected to be available for an in-person interview shortly after the application deadline.

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[iSchool joins national protest to oppose online piracy bill](#)

SU's School of Information Studies is using its website and blog to make a stand in opposition to the House's Stop Online Privacy Act and the Senate's Protect IP (intellectual property) Act. [Click here to read more](#)

[Motivational speaker Jon Vroman, SU alum Sean Haley '10 to keynote February's Student Leadership Conference](#)

Don't miss the first annual SU Student Leadership Conference on Feb. 25 which features motivational speaker Jon Vroman as its opening keynote speaker, and SU alumnus and medical student Sean Haley '10 as its closing keynote speaker.

<http://syrr.edu/news/articles/2012/student-leadership-01-12.html>

- www.campuswestsyrr.edu This is the new student housing complex under construction on an SU surface lot just west of the Carrier Dome
- Interested in learning to ice skate? SU's Tennity Ice Pavillion will launch a 6-week class beginning Jan. 28, [Click here for more Information](#)
- Interested in joining the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction course? Don't miss the last orientation on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6-7 p.m. [Click here for more information.](#)
- In case you missed it, [Click here](#) to view the men's 2012 lacrosse schedule. Plan your travels and visits now.
- The SU campus has re-opened! Schedules for campus buses, as well as student center & gym hours are [available here](#)
- **Orange Orators (Student Organizations); Tuesday, January 24, 2012; 12:00pm to 1:00pm; Location: Peter Graham Scholarly Commons** : The Syracuse University chapter of Toastmasters, The Orange Orators of Syracuse University, meet Tuesdays from noon-1 p.m. in Bird Library. Toastmasters is a group that helps to develop and hone public speaking skills in a supportive and friendly environment.
- **Check out some of the favorite spots on campus via this foursquare list:** <https://foursquare.com/syrr.edu/list/alumni-picks--mike-tirico>
- Interested in discussing race and ethnicity with your peers? Sign-up for Dialogue Circles today: [Click here for more information.](#)

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Submit your Practical Training application!

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An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:

January 24, 26, 31 from 10:00am - 12:00pm



F-1 students who graduated this December 2011 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS **no later than 60 days (by February 13, 2012)** after their degree completion date, which this year was December 16, 2011.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands".

- Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteering.

College of Law launches Master of Laws (LL.M.) program

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The Master of Laws (LL.M.) for foreign students at [Syracuse University College of Law](#) is a new 24-credit-hour graduate program designed to offer students with a foreign (non-U.S.) law degree or its equivalent, advanced study in American law. [Applications](#) are being accepted through May 15, 2012, for students entering in fall 2012.

"We believe in the international exchange of ideas and we are dedicated to welcoming students to this program from varied legal backgrounds and nations," says Aviva Abramovsky, associate professor of law, associate dean for special projects and director of the LL.M. program. "Whether you are seeking a comprehensive overview of the American system of laws or seek to specialize in concentrated areas of course work, our one-year LL.M. program will provide you with that knowledge and expertise."

In this one-year residential program, students will take two foundational courses together, one to introduce the students to basics of the American legal system, and a second in legal writing, with a third required research seminar of their choice. The remainder of the program allows students to tailor their own experience in the LL.M. from among the diverse courses offered at the College of Law.

The [Syracuse Law LL.M.](#) program is exclusively available to graduates in law from foreign academic institutions or those who are otherwise licensed to practice law in their home jurisdictions. Individuals from diverse legal backgrounds, including corporate, government and private practice, judicial and academic, are encouraged to apply.

To learn more about the [Syracuse University College of Law LL.M.](#) program visit www.law.syr.edu/llm-admissions or email llmadmissions@law.syr.edu.

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Getting Serious About Snow in Syracuse

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-In the winter, major roadways receive priority, while secondary streets are plowed as soon as possible. The City of Syracuse operates a fleet of 40 plow and salt spreader trucks assisted by independent plow truck operators.



Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of each property owner. In most cases, if the owner doesn't live at the property, the tenant is responsible for keeping the sidewalk clear. **Clarify with your landlord about whose responsibility it is to remove the snow, especially while you are away.**

-Just a reminder, clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks is to be done by 6 pm following snow accumulation

-The Fire Department must keep hydrants clear of snow in case of emergency. Residents are asked to assist in this task whenever possible, especially during a heavy snowfall.

-During the winter, all parking regulations are strictly enforced by the City of Syracuse so that snow can be removed from the street. Your car will be towed if you are parked across the sidewalks or if you are in violation of the odd/even parking regulation. Call the 448-CITY for more information.



-Dress appropriately before going outdoors. The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for someone to experience cold emergencies such as hypothermia and frostbite. Wind speed can create dangerously cold conditions even when the temperature is not that low. Dress in layers so you can adjust to changing conditions. Avoid overdressing or overexertion that can lead to heat illness.



Most of your body heat is lost through your head so wear a hat, preferably one that covers your ears.



Mittens provide more warmth to your hands than gloves.



Wear waterproof, insulated boots to help avoid hypothermia or frostbite by keeping your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.

Get out of wet clothes immediately and warm the core body temperature with a blanket or warm fluids like hot cider or soup. Avoid drinking caffeine or alcohol if you expect you or someone you are trying to help has hypothermia or frostbite.

Information taken from the American Red Cross: http://www.redcrosscny.org/general_calltoaction.asp?CTA=4&SN=9343&OP=9344&IDCapitulo=IPGTCBM8RW

Healthy Monday Syracuse

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Healthy Monday Yoga

Monday, January 23, 2012, 10:00am to 11:00am

This free Yoga class exercises both your mind and body. Come and focus your mind and increase your strength and flexibility. Please bring your own towel or yoga mat.

Location: 302 Schine; **Price: free**

Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign; Contact: Matt MacDougall

E-Mail: healthymonday@syr.edu; 443-4526

Meditation Monday

Monday, January 23, 2012, 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Come relax and de-stress with this free meditation class. This class is located in the small chapel of Hendricks (on the lower level).

Location: Hendricks Chapel, lower level small chapel; **Price: free**

Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign

Contact: Matt MacDougall; E-Mail: healthymonday@syr.edu; 443-4526

Move It Monday Fitness Class

Monday, January 23, 2012, 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Free fitness class for Move It Monday, located in the Flanagan Fitness Room.

Location: Flanagan Exercise Room; **Price: free**

Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Syracuse

Contact: Matt MacDougall; E-Mail: healthymonday@syr.edu; 443-4526

Writing 600: Advanced Writing and Rhetoric for Second Language Writers

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Tuesdays 6-7:45pm + 1 hour TBD each week

- Are you a graduate student fast approaching the writing of a conference paper, thesis, dissertation, or research article?
- Is English your second, third, or other language?
- Are you interested in some extra instruction and mentorship on strategies for writing research projects for your advanced degree?

If you said yes to each of these questions, WRT 600 might be for you!

◆ **Course Overview:**

Writing 600 (3 credits) is a Special Topics graduate course designed to introduce advanced critical reading and writing strategies to students whose first language is other than English. The major goal of this course is for students to study discipline-specific genres and rhetorical practices in order to better prepare them for working in their respective disciplines and professions through academic research and writing.

◆ **Course Requirements:**

The successful completion of this course will require that you:

- ✓ Meet for class and writing consultations for a total of 3 hours per week;
- ✓ Successfully complete a semester-long writing project (15-25 pages) that responds to your graduate work (*such as a thesis chapter, seminar paper, or conference presentation*); and
- ✓ Successfully complete two written reports (7-10 pages ea.) detailing your investigation of practices and genres specific to your discipline as well as shorter research and writing tasks (assigned weekly).

◆ **Enrollment Requirements:**

The course has 8 available spots which will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible for the course, students must

- ✓ Consider English to be their second or other language;
- ✓ Have good standing with Syracuse University; and
- ✓ Be currently enrolled as a full-time graduate student.

For enrollment and additional information, please contact
Missy Watson at mewatson@syr.edu

2013 Senior Class Marshal Application Open

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**Engagement. Passion.
Purpose. Connection.**

**ONLY 2 STUDENTS...2 VOICES...
WILL BE CHOSEN TO LEAD A CLASS OF MANY...**

Will YOU be the next Senior Class Marshal?
Start now. Make history.
Apply today. <http://seniormarshal.syr.edu/>

*Applicants must be current juniors who will be graduating in May 2013
and present on campus during the 2012-2013 academic year.*
Deadline: Friday, February 3, 2012 at 5 p.m.

...an SU tradition

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DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Senior Class Marshals are our most committed and thoughtful students. They serve as the all-university student representatives for graduation, and this year, we are expanding the role to more thoroughly reflect the significance of this honor. Marshals will now have the unique opportunity to participate in the following experiences:

- Meeting with senior-level University administrators to share and offer feedback on the SU experience
- Engaging in exclusive networking opportunities with alumni
- Representing the 2013 class at special University-wide events
- Helping to select the 2013 Commencement speaker
- Leading the entire Commencement procession at graduation

Therefore, marshals should be distinguished individuals who have excelled during their time at Syracuse, exemplify the spirit of the senior class, understand and have experienced Scholarship in Action, and exhibit excellent critical-thinking skills. The criteria used to determine qualified nominees include: scholarship, academic honors, student organization involvement, campus and community service, and new to this year's process, an essay soliciting the student's suggestions for engaging the SU community in Scholarship in Action. An online application form, the above-mentioned essay, nominations from two SU faculty or staff, and a copy of an official Syracuse University transcript are required.

In order to obtain the best nominees, we would appreciate your help in bringing this information to the attention of qualified students and to your colleagues. A poster is attached; please print and post as you are able.

NOTE: Applicants MUST be current juniors who will graduate in May of 2013 and who plan to be on campus during the entire 2012-2013 academic year. Application materials are available online at <http://seniormarshal.syr.edu>. The student's application (and faculty or staff nominations), along with essays and transcripts, must be submitted online by Friday, February 3. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 443-4424 should you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance in this process.

Recreation Services

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Snow Tubing!

When: Sunday, January 29

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Where: Four Seasons Ski Center

(Bus departs from SU's College Place)

Price: \$5.00 for SU / ESF Undergraduate Students

\$10.00 for all other SU and ESF ID holders



To register for this trip, please visit:

<http://recreationservices.syr.edu/recstore/>



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Cross Country Skiing

At the Osceola Ski Center on the Tug Hill Plateau

Sunday 3/4/12 or Sunday 3/25/12

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SU / ESF Undergraduate All Other SU / ESF ID Holders

Pass Only (No Rentals)	\$5.00	\$10.00
Pass and Rentals	\$10.00	\$20.00

Price includes:

- Cross Country Skis, Boots, Poles, and Ski Pass (Varies by Package)
- Roundtrip Transportation (From SU's College Place and back)

Registration Deadline is 3/3/12 and 3/24/12 respectively

Minimum of 10 people needed for trip to run

Register and pay online at:

<http://recreationservices.syr.edu/recstore/>



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SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING

AT TOSGENBURG MOUNTAIN WINTER SPORTS CENTER

Choose your Six Week Package:

FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHTS from 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Six Week program starts:

JANUARY 27 and 28, 2012

(Space is limited to the first 250 paid participants)

6 WEEK PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Lift Ticket / Transportation / Weekly One-Hour Lessons
Snowboard / Skis / Poles / Boot Rentals (as per pricing structure)

PROGRAM PACKAGE OPTIONS	SU / ESF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS	ALL OTHER SU / ESF ID CARD HOLDERS
W/NO RENTALS	\$105	\$145
W/SKI or SNOWBOARD RENTALS	\$195	\$235

Register and pay online before January 17 at:

<http://recreationservices.syr.edu/recstore/>

If you are interested in getting 1 PED credit for this program,
please contact Scott Catucci @ sacatucc@syr.edu for more information

REFUND POLICY:

BEFORE DECEMBER 19: FULL REFUND

DECEMBER 19 – JANUARY 13: REFUND MINUS \$25 SURCHARGE

AFTER JANUARY 13: NO REFUNDS (only in the case of a documented medical excuse)

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE OUTDOOR TRIP PROGRAMS

<http://outdoored.syr.edu>



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-----MOONLIGHT-----

SNOWSHOE HIKE

Thursday February 2 or Thursday March 1
6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

\$5.00 for SU Undergraduate Students
\$8.00 for all Other SU / ESF ID card Holders

Register and pay for this trip online at:
<http://recreationservices.syr.edu/recstore/>

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Ride the

Bobsled and Skeleton

• LAKE PLACID DAYTRIP •

Saturday February 4, 2012

\$55.00 for SU/ESF Undergraduate Students
(\$110.00 for All Other SU/ESF ID card holders)

Price Includes:

- A ride on the Bobsled and the Skeleton
- Gondola ride to the top of Whiteface Mountain
- Entrance to the Olympic Ski Jumping Complex
- Boxed Lunch
- Entrance to 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Museum
- Roundtrip Transportation (Luxury Motor Coach)
- Free time in Lake Placid

(Limited to the first 50 participants to register and pay)

Register and pay online at:
<http://recreationservices.syr.edu/recstore/>

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Full-time Course of Study

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NOTE: For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full time enrollment means **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, **to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** For example, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses.**

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**

Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.

If you are taking fewer than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf

If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo-su.pdf

Important Reminders

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A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at lescis@syr.edu so that we can keep a copy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the upcoming 2012 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutzker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail lescis@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need helping enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser at the Slutzker Center, or see Linda Deon at the Health Center for assistance.

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are not in compliance with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.**

You must be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address!). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don't put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email!

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If you are planning to transfer out of SU, the immigration regulatory process for **transferring** your F-1 status from Syracuse University to a new school in the United States requires you to complete a Transfer Out Form with the SCIS so that your federal SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html>

Is this your last semester at SU?

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Students who will be completing their studies this May but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

Studying Abroad?

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Planning to Study Abroad during the Spring/Summer 2012 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S

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USCIS FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

FY 2012 H-1B Cap Count

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2012. USCIS notified the public that November 22, 2011 was the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions for FY2012. USCIS will reject cap-subject H-1B petitions that arrived after November 22, 2011.

H-1B petitions reached the statutory cap for the past fiscal years: (FY) 2011 on Jan. 26, 2011
(FY) 2010 on Dec. 21, 2009
(FY) 2009 on April 7, 2008
(FY) 2008 on April 2, 2007

USCIS will start accepting H-1B petitions subject to the fiscal year (FY) 2013 cap on April 1, 2012.

For more information and latest updates on H1B Visa cap count, please visit the [USCIS](#) website.

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4b7cdd1d5fd37210VqnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=73566811264a3210VqnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD>

Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this May, but who will be continuing their studies for Summer 2012, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Students with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in May 2012 but who will continue their studies at SU **must** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.

Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf

Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form.

As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

To learn more, visit: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html>

International Students and Arrests

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Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell).

Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are

dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/publications/instarrest.html>

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Address Change?

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your **"MySlice self-service"** and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA studying at Syracuse University.

Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice.

Department of Public Safety Reminder

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FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED
- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
- Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

"Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at:
<http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf>

The booklet includes information on crime prevention, residential security, crime reporting policies, fire safety and crime statistics for the calendar years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

The following transportation resources are now available for all faculty, staff and students:

- The emergency contact number for bus-related issues is (315) 443-4652—option #7 (Parking & Transit Services). Please report all bus incidents promptly, within 24 hours if at all possible, and state all pertinent information (your name, phone number, date, time of day and bus number if known) so that the incidents can be resolved in a timely manner. Incidents may also be reported via email at parkmail@syr.edu.
- Any information regarding road closures, detours and current weather conditions that have an impact on transportation will be distributed through the Parking and Transit Services' Twitter Account. Information on how to access and sign up for the Twitter account is available at the Parking and Transit Services website: <http://parking.syr.edu>.
- Passengers with visual impairments riding the Caz Limo Nob Hill and James-East Genesee Street routes are encouraged to tell the driver their destination when boarding the bus. The driver can then announce the stop to ensure that it is not missed.
- Passengers requiring the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aids on Caz Limo Nob Hill and James-East Genesee Street routes are encouraged to contact Caz Limo in advance at (315) 807-8109. Contacting Caz Limo in advance will allow drivers the opportunity to ensure that space is available in the areas designated for passengers who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

- Scot Vanderpool
- Parking & Transit Services
- Phone: 443-4652
- Email: parkmail@syr.edu
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

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Reminder: Parking Regulations In University Neighborhoods – by OCCS

Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.

Many city streets have alternate side (odd-even) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking begins at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking begins at 6 p.m. on the side with even-number addresses.**

Parking illegally on a city street creates traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians, obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic, prevents emergency vehicles from entering areas, and delays public services such as trash collection and snow removal. And parking on front lawns and across sidewalks is not only illegal, but also poses a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks.

To reduce and discourage illegal parking, the Syracuse Police Department will strictly enforce the parking regulations in the University area and will routinely conduct Ticket and Tow Operations in persistent violator areas.

Drivers should obey the posted parking regulations in order to avoid being ticketed and towed, and should be mindful that failure to respond to parking violations may result in collection agency involvement or other punitive action against the registrant and/or the vehicle.

Protect your Property

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be.
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to: www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com

Spring 2012 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.

http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 315-443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

" Man is fond of counting his troubles, but he does not count his joys. If he counted them up as he ought to, he would see that every lot has enough happiness provided for it."

by Fyodor Dostoevsky

" There is no shame in not knowing; the shame lies in not finding out."

Russian Proverb

"Most people would rather be certain they're miserable, than risk being happy."

By Robert Anthony

" The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart."

by Elisabeth Foley

"It is not so much our friends' help that helps us, as the confidence of their help."

by Epicurus

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